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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1. NAME

-- HISTORIC

Tehrer House

AND/OR COMMON

Silsby House

## 2. LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1/4 mile north of Trovinger Mill Road, Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

CODE

24

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

043

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

-- DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

-- STRUCTURE

-- SITE

-- OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

-- PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

-- BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

-- IN PROCESS

-- BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

-- UNOCCUPIED

-- WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

-- YES RESTRICTED

-- YES UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

-- COMMERCIAL

-- EDUCATIONAL

-- ENTERTAINMENT

-- GOVERNMENT

-- INDUSTRIAL

-- MILITARY

-- MUSEUM

-- PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

-- RELIGIOUS

-- SCIENTIFIC

-- TRANSPORTATION

-- OTHER

## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Oliver M. Silsby and Dr. Margaret Silsby

STREET &amp; NUMBER

7506 Connecticut Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 20015

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber: 643

Folio: 630

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

-- FEDERAL -- STATE -- COUNTY -- LOCAL

STATE

## DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located about 1/4 mile north of Trovinger Mill Road, approximately 1 1/4 miles from its junction with Jefferson Boulevard (Maryland Route 64) in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a bluff above the Antietam Creek and faces south.

The structure is a three-bay, two-story brick dwelling painted white with black trim. A two-bay frameel extends to the rear of the building.

The house is set on fieldstone foundations. Brickwork at the facade is Flemish bond while other walls display common bond. Flat brick arches are located over the window and door openings.

Windows, containing two-over-two pane Victorian period sash are present on all sides of the house. At the facade they are flanked by louvered shutters. The window framing is finished with simple molding.

The front entrance is located in the center bay of the south wall. The doorway is quite plain, with molded edging providing the only decorative work at the jambs. A narrow transom is present above the door. Other entrances are located in the frame extension to the rear and at the cellar level in the west side of the foundation.

Evidence remains of a one-story porch along the facade which has been removed. Porches shelter the entrances to the rear frame extension. They are supported by square wooden posts.

The roof is covered with slate. According to a previous owner, the house received a new roof about 1898. Small brick chimneys rise from inside each gable end. The cornice consists of a simple band of molding.

Although the general exterior appearance of this house suggests a late 19th century building date, closer examination (made in 1977) reveals an 18th century building which was enlarged and extensively renovated during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Flemish bonding at the front elevation ends just above the first story windows to be replaced by common bonding showing six courses of stretchers between header rows. At the gable ends careful scrutiny revealed the outline of gables of a former one story building which had been raised in height to the present two stories. The older brickwork at the first story level was in common bond with three rows of stretchers between header courses. The common bonding above it, being the addition is already noted was laid in a six-to-one ratio.

The interior of the house reveals further evidence that an earlier, and apparently 18th century, house was enlarged. The first story has massive interior doors, most with four raised panels with quarter round trim. The door leading from the west room to the circa 1900 kitchen addition was apparently at one time an exterior door having raised panels on its front surface and battens sheathing the brick. It is secured with long strap hinges. Door frames are heavy, with quarter round trim. Early chair rail also remains in the first story. The first floor plan would appear to be Germanic in origin having a large room with a fireplace and corner stair taking almost half the house. Two smaller rooms utilize the remaining area. The fireplace in the west wall has been rebuilt.

The house is in excellent condition and is located on the property containing 27.88 acres. It is not at present in danger of destruction. Included in the acreage is a late 19th century frame bark barn.

An old road which led from Hagerstown to several mills and forges along the Antietam passes through the property. The road was in use during the 18th and early 19th centuries with portions remaining in service today as farm lanes. The road forded the Antietam behind the house.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture. In its present form it represents a frequently seen type of brick building which dates in Washington County generally from the second half of the 19th century. The structure apparently began life, however, as a one-story, late 18th century brick building, and was enlarged during the late 19th century to two full stories. The exterior reveals the contrast between 18th and late 19th century construction, and the interior displays the same contrast with a remarkable amount of 18th century work remaining in the main story and in the cellar.

The property is worthy of note for its association with the early road which led west to "Rohrer's Mill" and to Hagerstown. Although the road is no longer in use, much of its path can be traced and it should be considered for preservation. (See description.)

The Rohrer family, who operated a nearby mill, originally owned the property on which this house stands, selling it in 1792. It was probably the Rohrs who built the 18th century portion of this house.

In its situation along Antietam Creek, the property also has great scenic value.

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## TEGEC GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

## UTM REFERENCES

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Snyder House				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Rohrer House				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1/4 mile north of Trovinger Mill Road, Route 1				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Roy Snyder				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF OEOs, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 462/798				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: _____				
DATE OF SURVEY: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____				
STREET AND NUMBER: _____				
CITY OR TOWN: _____		STATE: _____		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ 15th Century
 ☐ 16th Century
 ☐ 18th Century
 ☐ 20th Century
- ☐ 17th Century
 ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                                                  |                                      |                                              |                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |                                              |                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |                                              |                                                |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture. It represents a frequently seen type of brick building which dates in Washington County, generally from the second half of the 19th century. This dwelling was reportedly standing in the early 1870's.

The property is worthy of note for its association with the early road which led west to "Rohrer's Mill" and to Hagerstown. Although the road is no longer in use, much of its path can be traced and it should be considered for preservation.

The Rohrer family who operated a nearby mill originally owned the property on which the Snyder house stands. It was sold in 1792.

Situated along the Antietam Creek, the property also has great scenic value.

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# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 27.88 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey	DATE March, 1974
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

# 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

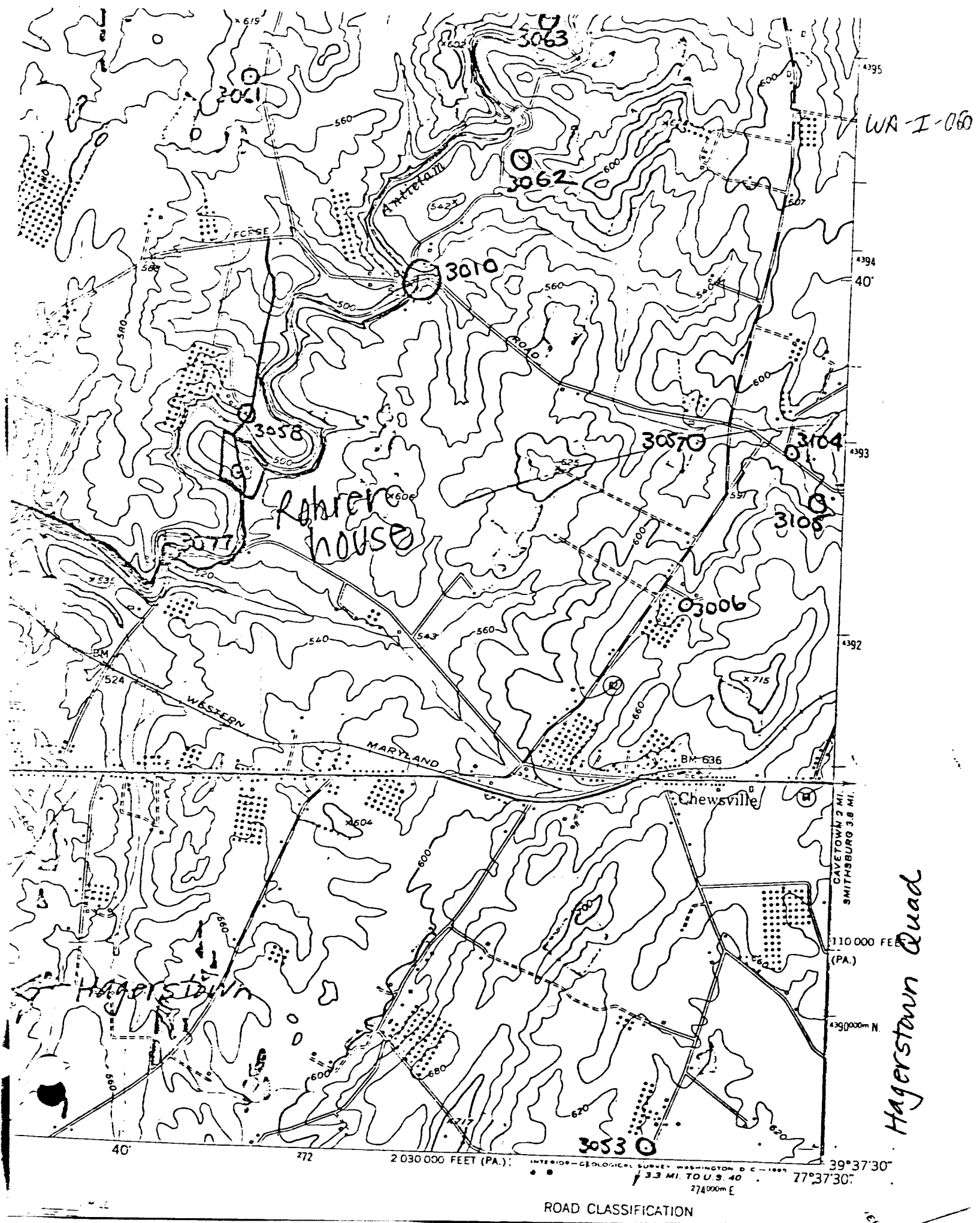
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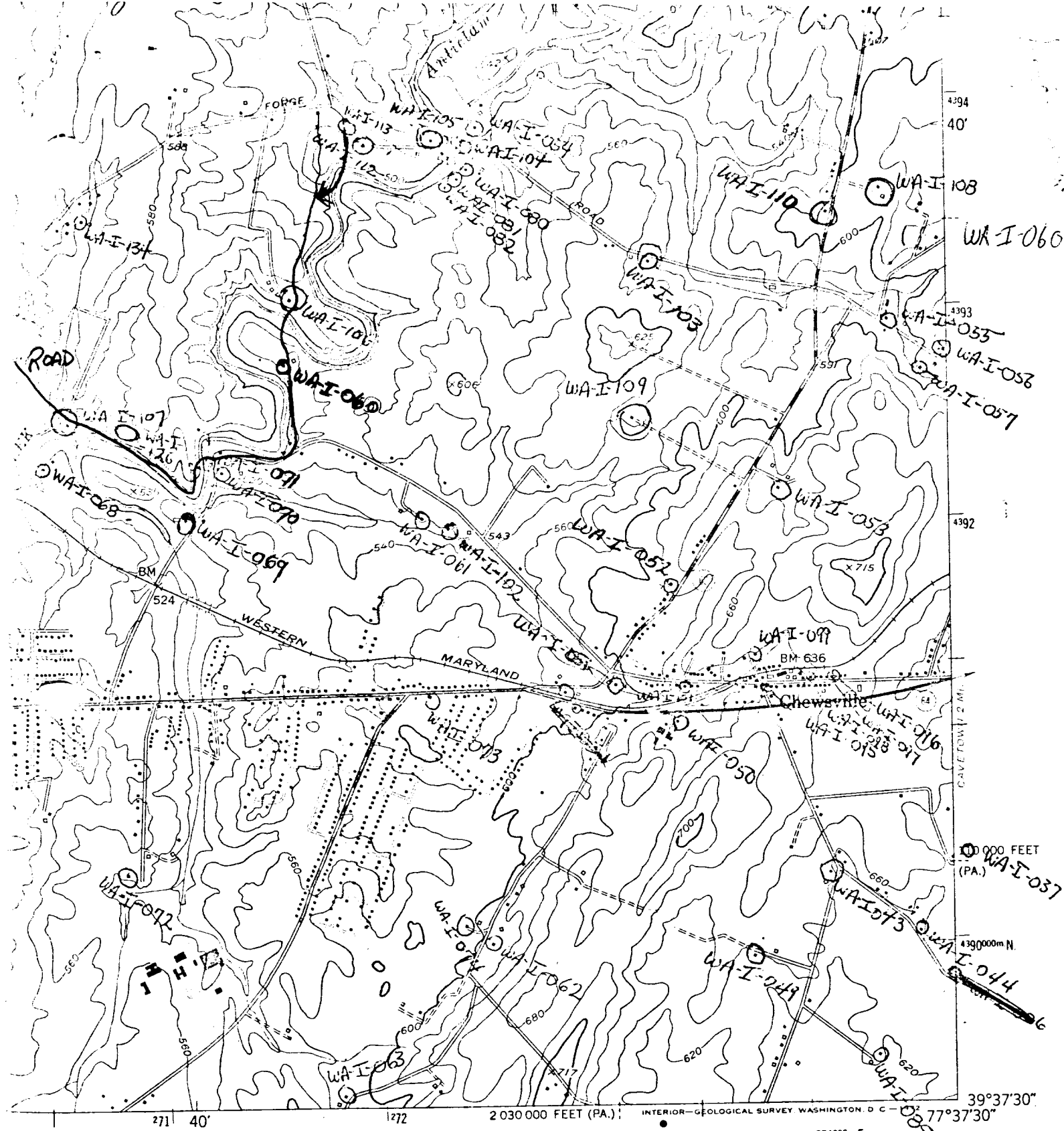
National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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1 MILE

7000 FEET

1 INCH = 1 MILE

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	

U. S. Route	State Route
Interstate Route	

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.-PA.**

NW/4 HAGERSTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3937.5-W7737.5/7.5

1973  
PHOTOREVISED 1971



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Rohrer House

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY